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CITY POLITICS.

Democrats Will Elect Six Councilmen This Year.

Some of the New Men Who Are Being Discussed For The Coming Nominations.

It is likely that the city Committee will hold a meeting in a few days and order primary elections in six wards to nominate a ticket for city councilmen. In the Fifth ward, conceded to the Republicans, a nomination will hardly be made.

Of the six wards that usually go Democratic, two were lost in 1897 by a fusion of all the elements opposed to the Democratic ticket. This year there has so far been no talk of a similar fusion and there will probably be a straight-out contest between Democrats and Republicans.

The Democrats are confident they will carry the city this fall by a larger majority than usual, as the excellent record of the Democratic majority in the present council will be strongly indorsed by the people. The lowering of the tax rate to \$1.25, after paying \$30,000 of the bonded debt, is one of the evidences of good government that has impressed conservative men of all parties with the benefits to be derived from keeping the Democrats in power.

There are at present four Democrats, two Independents and one colored Republican on the Board of Council.

Three of the Democrats, Mr. Ware in the Second ward, Mr. Dalton in the Fourth and Mr. Wall in the Sixth, have no opposition and will in all probability be renominated without contest. In the Seventh ward Mr. Brasher declines to run again and several gentlemen are being discussed. Of these Mr. A. J. Reeder, Mr. Stonewall Morris, Mr. R. M. Hurt and Mr. J. W. Yancey all have some strong friends. Any one of them would make a good councilman.

In the Third ward, now represented by Dr. Bentley, the Democrats will nominate Mr. James West by general consent and he will win an easy victory. The Third was lost by a few votes in 1897, under circumstances that cannot occur again under the present law. Mr. West is one of Hopkins-

ville's best citizens and so popular in his ward that it is doubtful if there will be any organized opposition to him from any source.

In the First ward the Democrats also expect to gain a member. It is now represented by Mr. Tibbs. Three or four names have been suggested for this nomination. Mr. M. W. Davis, Mr. Allan M. Wallis, Col. J. O. Cooper and Mr. I. F. Campbell are all being talked about in connection with the nomination. The latter will be put forward as the representative of the young Democracy, as many young men room and board in this down-town ward. If Fletch puts in he will be hard to head off for the nomination and still harder to beat at the election.

The Council to be elected will appoint all officers except the Mayor and Police Judge, who hold over until Jan. 1, 1902.

GOEBEL CLUB.

Bowling Green Democrats Combine, With a Good Membership.

Bowling Green, Aug. 22.—A Goebel club was organized at the court house here last night. Already there are over 600 names enrolled, and it is believed that the list will reach 1,500 within the next two weeks. Judge W. E. Settle opened the meeting with a speech. Dr. T. B. Wright was elected President; Capt. James A. Clarke, Vice President; Geo. R. Gorin, Secretary, and W. H. Phillips, Treasurer. After the business of the meeting was transacted Ed Hobdy, of Franklin, addressed the meeting. He was extremely bitter against John Young Brown.

John Young Brown will open his campaign here on Saturday next. A big crowd is expected to be on hand, as it is understood excursions will be run into the city from all the surrounding counties.

GET A ROPE.

Masked Man Assaults a Calloway County Girl.

Paducah, Ky., Aug. 23.—There is great excitement near Kirksey, Calloway county. Miss Dora Manning, of that section, was out gathering vegetables in the afternoon when a masked man stole up behind her, overpowered and assaulted her. He gagged her and tied her to a tree in order to insure his escape and his identity is not known. Posses are scouring the country for him.

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